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# 'KING' BUSTAMANTE HOLDS ON ... he is still the hero in Jamaica but 'the people are restless'

## 'Socialist plot to kill me'

by **THEODORE SEALY**

Associate editor of The Daily Gleaner, Kingston, Jamaica



Bustamante addressing his supporters on Empire Day.

THERE is a dull murmur in the air out in Jamaica. People are restless. The murmur is like that of the Caribbean when a hurricane threatens.

Striding across the scene is electrical Alexander Bustamante, who can certainly make a storm, but has never proved that he can break one.

He now has his chance and he has helping him all the skill of the Civil Service here and in the Colonial Office as well as millions of British money.

Bustamante ("Great God Busta") has amassed a fortune as president—and treasurer—of the Bustamante Industrial Trades Union. Also nominally the Minister of Communications, he is de facto Prime Minister.

Gone is a lot of the glamour of his fantastic autobiography—seafaring before the mast, dietician, stock-market operator.

All that doesn't matter so much now. He only boasts today that he is worth £75,000.

He is still the hero of the masses, but they have beaten him out of his greatest stronghold, the Kingston Docks, which used to enable him to tie up all business activity.

### SILLY STRIKE

He faced charge

It was here that the United Port Workers' Union was started by the United Fruit Company. Bustamante called a silly strike which tied up shipping while he faced a manslaughter charge just a year ago.

The Port Workers' Union used that chance to muscle in on all wharves. Now they call the tune right along dockland.

Bustamante may stage a comeback there, but in January he went dangerously near losing the sugar strike at Tate and Lyle's big Frome factory.

Using power tactics, he refused to arbitrate and swore he would win his claims by "a strike to the death."

The strike was being broken when he gave in and agreed to

arbitrate and got his claims met.

Since then two of his main sugar area leaders have been sent to prison—one for pocketing workers pay packets; the other for leading a riot against the police.

Then on Good Friday five of his party members in the House of Representatives threw off his yoke, said they were fed up with one-man rule in the party.

Bustamante failed to get the 22 votes to eject their leader Minister of Agriculture Evans, from the Cabinet.

### FIRE SHOT

Lost his nerve

Ex-Servicemen fresh from Britain recently staged a monster protest parade about their slow re-absorption into industry and surrounded Bustamante as he left the mayor's office.

Perhaps having in mind how tough some of these boys were in Britain, he lost his nerve, pulled revolvers from both hips and made himself liable to prosecution by firing a bullet.

It struck the pavement dangerously near his own foot. Nothing happened.

Faced with these reverses, Bustamante has now started a stunt which has never failed to appear when he is playing for high stakes, when he wants to ride on a live martyr's chariot into popular favour.

He has been announcing that the Socialists plot to have him killed.

A 13-year-old candy pedlar who admits that Bustamante sent him to give evidence told a Government inquiry that he sat in a tree at the Socialist headquarters, Edgewood Park and saw ammunition and arms being distributed to a gang of men with orders to kill Bustamante for £250.

King's Counsel Norman Manley who is a first cousin of Bustamante and leader of the Socialist Party told the inquiry that the story had absolutely no foundation in fact.

Another Socialist commented that the price of Bustamante's life had now dropped—£600 was named in a previous plot scare.

But the assassination plot tale, however discredited, may yet fan the passions of the masses sufficiently to make it worth while.

In any event, it is a diversion from the present national diffi-

culties, on which Bustamante cannot wish to have overmuch public attention focused.

The task to be accomplished might well dismay the bravest.

With 50,000 Jamaicans back and mostly unemployed, after tasting higher standards of living in the U.S. as farm workers and in Britain as Servicemen, there is a widespread demand for a higher and fuller economy.

### NOT READY

Plans for reconstruction

But reconstruction plans are not yet ready.

The ten-year plan, to cost £20,000,000, is in its second year theoretically only. This year's £2,250,000 programme has not yet been approved.

The colony's national debt will be increased by £2,000,000 this year under the plan. So we shall owe £11,000,000, with the export trade only £8,500,000 at the peak in 1946.

By the time the plan is ended the debt will be more than £20,000,000. As the British taxpayers are finding only £6,000,000, this leaves £14,000,000 to be found mostly by Jamaican borrowing.

The colony's hopes lie along two paths.

1. Stopping soil erosion by terracing mountainside peasants' farms, the abolition of the shifting habits of cultivators, and encouraging them to settle down on fixed holdings.

2. Industrial development to solve unemployment. [In Greater Kingston alone the last Government check showed 23,500 unemployed out of a population of 200,000.]

### EXPORTS

Vital to them

But there is little sign of industrial development.

Meanwhile, the life of the country still depends on exports—sugar, bananas, oranges and grapefruit, cigars, rum, spice, down to fancy fruit which fetch fancy prices in Covent Garden.

Sugar, the main export, is fetching only 200 percent higher price than before the war.

Bananas, down in production from the pre-war 27,000,000 to 10,000,000, because of disease, are only 163 percent up in price. Imported cotton goods are up 353 percent.

Even rum, which has risen 335 percent on the pre-war price, is topped by imported boots and shoes, which are up 378 percent.

So that Bustamante knows that while Britain has spent millions on Jamaica, Jamaica is still subsidising Britain who buys our goods.

Jamaica is getting for this year's sugar £23 a ton, while Cuba sells to Britain for £4 a ton more.

The Canary Islands get a much better price than Jamaica for bananas.

Rice, the staple food, is five times dearer than before the war.

Bustamante is faced with all these problems, and they seem to be growing worse.

The Civil Service is openly restive, demanding more pay and less political interference.

Doctors are resigning with menacing frequency from the Government service.

Semi-skilled workers are perpetually demanding more pay. When they belong to the Socialist unions they get scant hearing from Bustamante.

The cost of Civil Service salaries alone has risen from £240,520 in 1938 to over £3,000,000 in 1946.

So Scottish Sir Norman Strathairn, Financial Secretary and meek but finally firm Governor Sir John Huggins have made it plain that salaries and wages cannot continue rising indefinitely.

### LUCK

Always on his side

Bustamante is worried. He came to power by getting more pay for people. Now he has to keep wage levels from rising higher.

Pressed on all sides, Bustamante has cancelled trips to Britain and the U.S.

But while he fears the Socialists and envies Manley's hold on the lower middle-class and Civil Service group, he knows they have little chance of coming to power.

Luck has been on Bustamante's side ever since 1938, when he marched his way to jail and power in the labour riots. Like the old man of the mountains, he seems to rise stronger every time he is thrown down.

So perhaps the cards will favour him again and Jamaica will pass this crisis.

## BAGUIO PREPARES FOR ECAFE CONFERENCE

by **JAMES HALSEMA**

MEMBERS of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East will meet in Baguio on November 24 for a two-week conference intended to lay the groundwork for a broad reconstruction programme in the Eastern hemisphere.

The Philippine Government is sparing no effort to attract the delegates to the famous mountain resort city as the permanent home of the organisation. Much has to be done. Baguio, headquarters of the Japanese 14th Army Commander, Lieut-General Tomoyuki Yamashita, during the final stages of the American liberation of Luzon, is one of the most heavily bombed cities on earth. Over 90 per cent of its buildings were destroyed or damaged in a three-month air and ground siege in 1945.

DELEGATES from 10 participating nations and possibly five observer countries will meet in a session hall built over the ruins of the Mansion House, summer home of American and Filipino chief executives of the islands until it was smashed by bombs two years ago.

China, the United States, Great Britain, India, the Philippines, the Netherlands, France, Australia, Russia and Siam are already members of the ECAFE. Pakistan and New

Zealand are expected to be admitted to membership at the November meeting. Viet Nam, Korea, Indonesia, Malaya, Burma and Japan (represented by SCAP) are expected to send observers to Baguio and to press again for admission.

Officials of the Philippine Department of Finance, who have charge of preparations for the meeting, say that from 100 to 120 persons, including delegates, their staffs, and the ECAFE Secretariat, are expected to attend. Seats will be furnished to 30 members of the press.

The session hall is located on top of a grassy, pine-covered hill, overlooking the rich Baguio gold mining district 2,000 feet below. Baguio is above sea level, but its climate is Spring-like, with a temperature range of between 65 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Delegates and newsmen will be housed in 21 government-owned cottages on the Baguio plateau. A fleet of 35 new sedans will be placed at their disposal. Food will be served by the Manila Hotel at the rebuilt mess hall of Teachers' Camp, a pre-war vacation centre for Philippine educators.

The Philippine Republic has made a considerable amount of money available to the city of Baguio for dressing up its battered buildings, streets and parks. An auditorium is being built for social events, which will include a continuous round of receptions and balls. Roads leading to the city-owned resort on the 7,500-foot Santa Tomas Mountain and at Asin Hot Springs are being repaired and buildings put in order.

Baguio, the site of the November ECAFE meeting, lies 110 airline miles north of Manila in a 5,000-foot high plateau cradled among the Benguet mountains. The city had a pre-war population, including suburbs in the adjoining mining districts, of 65,000. It suffered heavily during the war and the population is now less than half this figure.

THE city is best reached from abroad through Manila. Airline facilities are available at low rates. The air ride lasts approximately 50 minutes from Manila. Baguio has frequent through bus connections, a 200-mile trip accomplished in seven or eight hours. At least two planes daily will be operated during the convention.

The Convention Preparatory Committee is endeavouring to obtain additional radio-telegraph facilities between Manila and Baguio. At present only the government Bureau of Posts radio is available for commercial use. U.S. Army telephone circuits may be made available. From Manila unlimited communication facilities are available to all points.

Delegates and newspapermen will be offered a wide variety of recreational facilities during their stay, as well as tours to the famous Igorot rice terraces.—Associated Press.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

AFTER weeks of mental idleness, I have almost forgotten how to write. And as I have never learned to use a typewriting machine, I am evidently lower than the apes.

For any ape, we are repeatedly told, if set down at a machine, could produce Shakespeare's Sonnets by accident in about 3,764,841 years (or Don Quixote in Spanish in a rather longer time). The answer to this popular balderdash is that Shakespeare produced the Sonnets on purpose and in a shorter time.

### Ravel's priceless treasure

A VERY precious article about collecting antiques and objects d'art recalled to me a story of Maurice Ravel, the composer. He had a good collection, and one day placed in full view of his guests a curious-looking bulb of smoky glass. "How exquisite! How entrancing," shrieked the aesthetes. "I'm glad you like it," said Ravel. "It's an electric light bulb." I suspect that he composed "Bolero" in the same spirit of fun.

### An important synthesis

THERE seems to have been a good deal of progress while I have been away, and by progress I mean Progress. I have for long been passionately interested in the volcanic rocks of Uganda, and I must now ask my readers to decide whether the quotation which follows

is from me or from a scientific magazine. Some of the rocks, besides being highly potassic, are ultrabasic. They resemble olivinitic ankaratrites or melanocratic olivine nephelinites, with the difference that the nephelinitic or kalsphilitic-like mineral is really kalsphilitic.

It is from a magazine called Science Progress.

### And this?

AND is this from me or from the magazine? Majurite, and the closely related lavar kalmite and ugandite, are regarded as rheomorphic products due to the action of ultrabasic magma on rock material belonging to the biotite-peridotite biotite-pyroxene gneiss suite. It's still the magazine.

### Without comment

Some thirty deadly diseases, against which normal methods of disease control would be relatively useless, are recommended for use in war in a report on germ warfare published in New York. The diseases are smallpox, bubonic plague and cholera as of little use in war. (Morning paper.)

### Tail-piece

IN a French train I heard an Englishman say to his companion: "They're all gabbling French."

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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Frances Langford for Lois Leeds.

Use creams, lotions and makeup on your neck just as you do on your face!

### STAR SHINE!

Frances Langford, playing in RKO-Radio's new musical, "Beat The Band," is a favourite with all the hospitalized veterans. She keeps up her entertainment programme for them and always looks attractive. Deep, open necklines are flattering to her smooth, well-cared for skin—and you can make yours just as luscious!

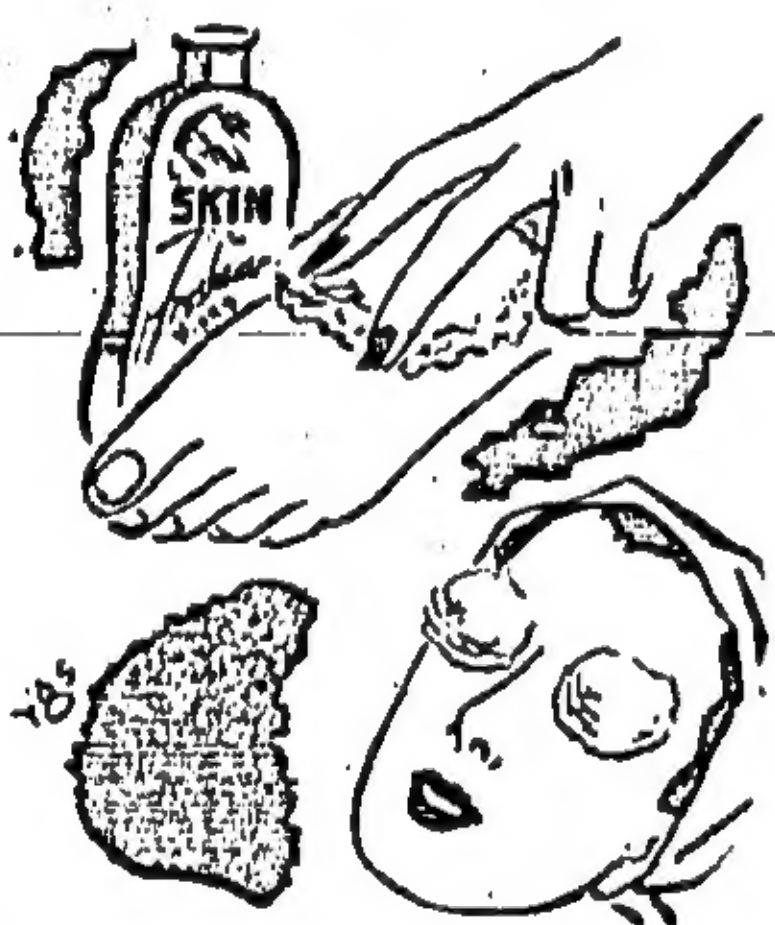
News That's New! Mole skin is now being dyed in wonderful colours. The most exciting is an Electric Blue. Small, inset pins in miniature "footprints" step from the shoulder to the waistline on Diana Lynn's new suit. Coats now have padded hiplines—but don't relax—your hips should be slimmer than ever! Crazy, isn't it?

Jayne Meadows is using a Chinese theme in her personal wardrobe. And fashion creators of hats are copying Chinese "wedding hats," doing them in wonderful flowers which never grow in any garden!

While wool hosiery is embroidered in henna and gold. And, if you have henna-coloured hair to harmonize, so much the smarter!

Flowering Ideas! Long-stemmed roses are pinned on long sleeves, the stems being fastened lightly with needle and thread. On Fifth Avenue, New York, you will see huge pins on the left cuff of cloth and fur coats. Looks good, though I don't know how the fad started. No one seems to know.

### Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Believe your tired eyes and re-new that sparkle like this. Make a compress of absorbent cotton dampened with cold water and then sprinkled with an eye lotion. Lay this over your eyes and rest and relax for at least fifteen minutes.

### SIDE GLANCES

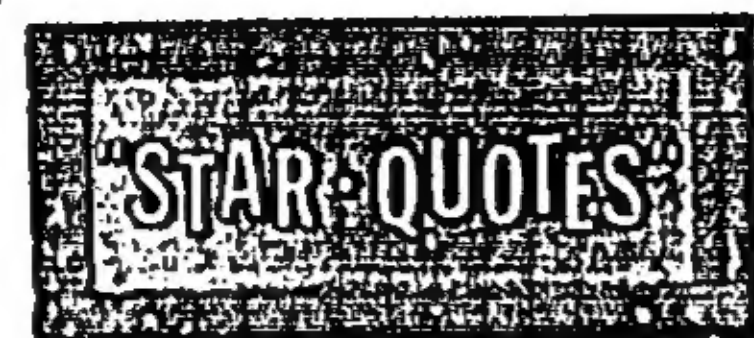
By Galbraith



"Funny, isn't it, how the thought of a \$1 fine stops 'em when they don't mind the risk of a broken leg?"

## Doukhobors Shatter Peace In Canada

The peaceful Kootney Valley in British Columbia is rapidly becoming a land divided like Caesar's Gaul—into three parts. On one side are the normal residents—farmers, miners and cattlemen. In the middle are the orthodox and independent Doukhobors—and to the left, the extremist "Sons of Freedom," reports United Press.



### KIRK DOUGLAS

answers this question:

"Did that prominent dimple in the middle of your chin give you any trouble in your Hollywood experiences?"

KIRK DOUGLAS

FOR a time before the start of my new picture, Hal Wallis' "I Walk Alone," in which I co-star with Elizabeth Scott and Burt Lancaster, it looked as if I was going to lose my indentation. Certain of Wallis' aides wanted to have the cavity filled with make-up, and some of my well-meaning friends looked at my dimpled chin and seconded the idea.

The anti-dimple forces argued that the depression was too pronounced and that it detracted from my well-chiselled countenance. Another contention was advanced to the effect that the dimple gave an effeminate touch to an otherwise rugged profile. Things even went so far as a photographic test of my face with the centre of the controversy plastered and painted over by the make-up man.

### Run In The Family

As far as I am concerned I held out for the dimple, feeling that it was, after all, a sort of distinguishing landmark on my map. After 30 years I have become attached to it. Dimples run in my family. (I even carry a couple of aprons, one located on each cheek!) Besides, it seems to me that a fellow by the name of Cary Grant has managed to do all right in Hollywood with a dimple right in the centre of his chin.

Even other Hollywood favorites cashed in handsomely on physical "trade-marks." Van Johnson with his freckles, for example, and Bob Hope and his nose, which has led him to fame and fortune and supplied Bing Crosby with so many jokes. Who would want to see Clark Gable without his moustache? Or can you imagine a fat Frank Sinatra? Or Veronica Lake without her long blonde hair. Yes, I now know that my dimples amount to what could be called my "trade-mark."

(Tomorrow—John Hodge)

### Homework Done By Machine

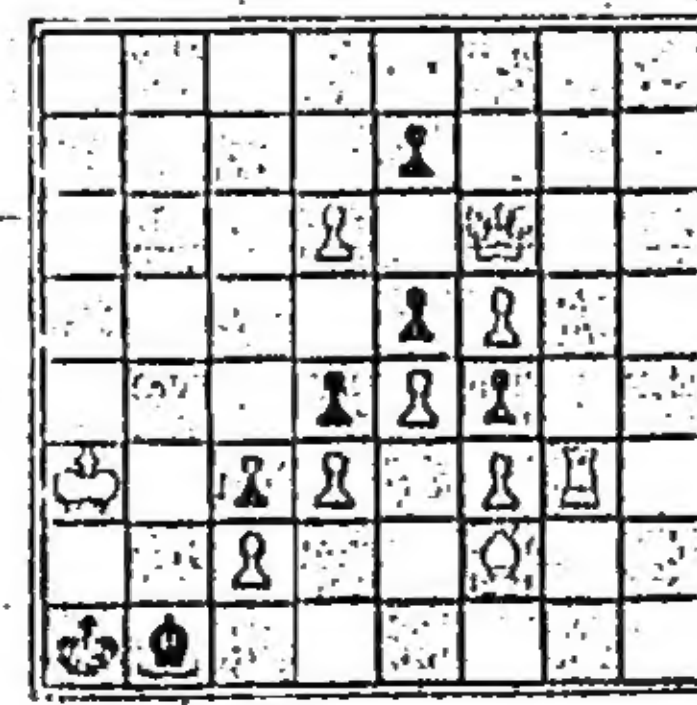
Officials at an office machinery display at Durrford, Kent, were puzzled when they noticed a great many school boys were attending the exhibition. They investigated and found that the boys were doing their homework on an electric adding machine. —Associated Press.

### Check Your Knowledge

1. In aviation what is the meaning of "ceiling unlimited"?
2. In what section of the world are butterfies found?
3. Locate the Azores.
4. What is the Decalogue?
5. Why is Eau de Cologne so called?
6. Why was the Foreign Legion of the French Army so named? (Answers on Page 4)

### CHESS PROBLEM

By E. G. ATTENBOROUGH  
Black: 7 pieces.



White: 10 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Kt—R5, any; 2. Q, R, B (ch, or dis ch), or Kt mates.

Two peaceful towns guard this valley of luxury. To the north, Nelson. South near the border, Grand Forks. In between are some 7,000 Russian-Canadian Doukhobors—living their communal lives, singing their native songs, speaking their native language and living their native ways.

Towering mountains guard the valley from "outside civilisation," and the people bask in sunshine, untroubled by the worries of the rest of the world.

But all is not well within the valley—for the fanatical Sons of Freedom, close to 2,500 strong—are virtually taking the law into their hands. Not since 1932 have residents seen anything comparable to the recent outbreaks.

### Torch Replaces Dynamite

Fifteen years ago the extremists were on the rampage—but not carrying the torch. They confined their demonstrations to nude parades and an odd dynamiting of a school, bridge or tomb. They were protesting the coming of the second World War, but their protests went in vain.

Now, in an effort to unite all Doukhobors under the one banner of the Freedoms, they are striking terror into the hearts of the orthodox sect by their firing of buildings and homes. Those independents suspected by the Freedoms of profiteering from the war are being marked for demonstrations.

Already close to 35 buildings have been set to the torch in the current outbreak of frenzy, and their number will reach close to 100 before the Sons relent in their drive.

This is not the first time in the history of the Doukhobor uprisings that fire has been used. In 1932, dynamite, believed stolen from a dam under construction near Nelson at that time, was used to blow up some 20 schools and bridges. But since that source of supply was removed the flaming torch has wreaked havoc and wrought fear.

### Continual Resistance

The history of the Doukhobor sect in Canada is one of continual resistance against Canadian ways. Ever since their arrival in 1899, they have been a source of trouble to one government after another.

They were evacuated from Russia towards the end of the last century for refusal to fight against the Czar. It was part of their religion not to bear arms, and ever since their first demonstrations there during the Turkish War of 1814, they have refused to have anything to do with guns.

The Doukhobors were not long in Canada before they began to divide among themselves. The burning of schools began in 1923, and since then it is estimated that more than 500 buildings have been put to the torch.

### Germans Learn That Pigs Is Pigs

Pigs have been giving German black marketers trouble because they usually squealed as they were being smuggled past German control officials.

The smugglers' solution was to chloroform the pigs, until alert authorities discovered the ruse. The pigs awoke from the chloroforming as noisy as ever. —Associated Press.

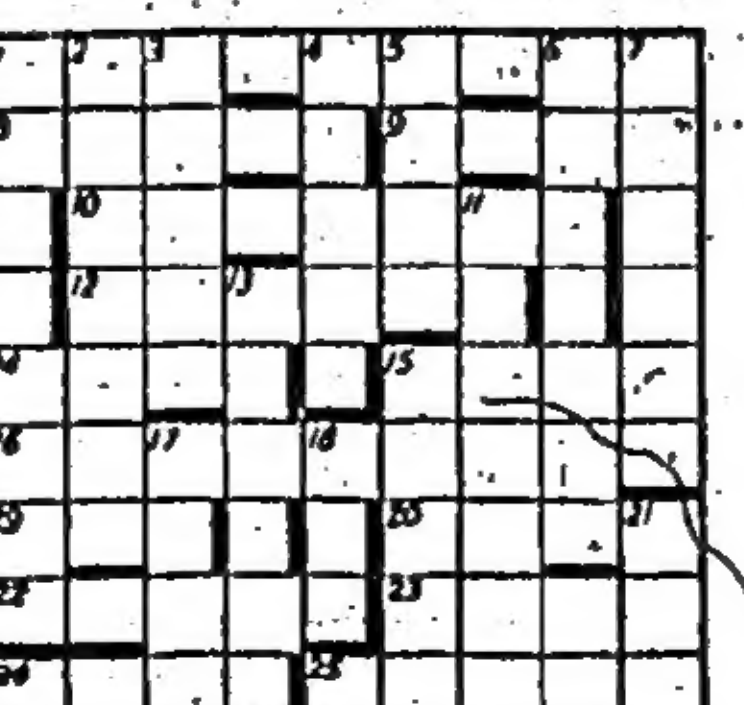
### Rupert and the Jumping Fish—45



The jumping fish swims out to meet the others as they return, while Rupert and the merboy watch the procession coming in. "Sea serpents are rather odd, aren't they?" says the little boy, "but they seem quite friendly now, don't you think so?" The merboy looks doubtful. "They may be kindly, but they're not very brainy," he says. "It's lucky for you that they sent for you!" The young sea serpent puts the shell-boat on the water, and Rupert and the merboy find they can just fit into it.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1. Police hurt (anag.). (9)  
2. One of the vast steppes of South America. (6)  
3. Bird of prey. (4)  
4. Any accompanying quality. (7)  
5. Blindness. (6)  
6. It is often irritating, even to the dining. (4) 10. Measure. (4)

Down  
7. That's odd! (1)  
8. To a sailor it's a dwelling. (3)  
9. Turn. (4)  
10. Not as you prepare the joint. (5)  
11. The land of lies. (4)  
12. Many one for it when having a gambol. (4) 25. Did. (6)  
Down  
1. Rust rule (anag.). (8)  
2. The sandwich man may carry one. (7)  
3. Daring to land shade here. (5)  
4. Joseph Barrow's boxing name. (5)  
5. Pre this is given now. (4)  
6. Private. (7)  
7. This is you. (6)  
8. More often than not his nose is pointing earthwards. (7)  
9. Made from milk and rennet. (6)  
10. The Emperor's 12. Ripper. (8)  
13. Measure. (4) 16. Secured. (3)  
17. This is you. (6)  
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21. Just the boy for the hay fields. (4)  
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## Weather Ship Saves All From Plane

New York, Oct. 15.—The last of the 69 people aboard the flying boat, Bermuda Sky Queen, which was forced down by gale-force winds in mid-Atlantic, were today taken off and transferred to the international weather ship, Bibb, to which she had taxied.

The last 18 were taken aboard the Bibb, a United States Coast Guard cutter of 2,210 tons, this morning. The Bibb had stood by during the 25 hours' ordeal which 62 passengers, including 11 children and seven members of the crew, had experienced in this adventure. 1,000 miles west of Shannon, Eire, and 800 miles northeast of Gander, Newfoundland.

The flying boat, reported to be "menace to navigation", will be destroyed.

The survivors aboard the Bibb were said to be "quite well but seashock". They are expected to reach Argentina, Newfoundland, on Friday morning.

The children, among the first to be saved, were highly praised by the rescuers for showing a "brave front". A man with a cut head was the only casualty reported.

**Turbulent Seas**  
After sending out an SOS message, the Bermuda Sky Queen, running out of fuel and facing a tremendous headwind, came down on a turbulent sea at 10:30 a.m. yesterday and taxied two miles to the weather ship, whose crew immediately made rescue preparations, including pouring oil on the sea.

Their efforts were foiled until last night, when they took off the first 10 people, including five children, and then a further 40, leaving 18 still on the flying boat when darkness postponed rescue operations.

At one time, in the half-light last night, mountainous seas swamped a motor-driven lifeboat and a raft full of people. The weather ship drifted down on them and, in the words of the captain, Paul Cronle, "we fished them out of the water".—Reuter.



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## LITTLE ASSEMBLY PLAN SUPPORTED

Lake Success, Oct. 15.—The United States plan for a year-round General Assembly Committee was supported by five countries with certain reservations in the United Nations Political Committee here today.

## WEDDING OF ELIZABETH

### Approval Address From Church

London, Oct. 15.—Upper and Lower Houses of the Convocation of Canterbury laboured today on the drafting of an Address to the King, which is in effect to be an approval of the betrothal of Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

The Lower House of the Convocation, a centuries old consultative body with some of the functions of a parliament in the conduct of Church affairs, gave general approval to a 10-word document drawn up by the Upper House. But it changed a few words and the address must now be passed finally by the full synod.

The Royal Navy, in which Lieut. Mountbatten is an active officer, gave another indication of its special interest in the wedding on November 20. The Admiralty announced that eight Chief Petty Officers who served with Lieut. Mountbatten in the Royal Navy Petty Officers' School at Kingsmead will be stationed at the West Door of Westminster Abbey as the wedding procession passes.

Wedding presents continue to arrive, and the formal acceptance of one thrilled a 13-year-old donor, Joycecelene Ashton of Crayford. She designed a brooch and an earring set which were made up in plastic in her father's plastic goods shop. Unknown to her father, Joycecelene sent the ornaments to the Princess, who said a letter from Buckingham Palace, was greatly pleased.

"It is a pink and blue floral design on a shell-shaped background," said Joycecelene.—Associated Press.

### Reasonable Dignity

London, Oct. 15.—Mrs Barbara Castle, Labour M.P. for Blackburn, epitomised the basic reaction of Britons towards their Royal family in an address to her constituents.

Speaking of the allowance to be granted Princess Elizabeth by the Government after her marriage to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, Mrs. Castle, who is Parliamentary Secretary to Sir Stafford Cripps, said:

"If you are going to have a constitutional monarchy, you cannot expect her to start in a prefab house."

"Why not?" hecklers interrupted. "If I offered free seats on the route of the Royal procession to the wedding, how many would refuse?"

As Her Apparent, Princess Elizabeth has set up in reasonable dignity.

There was no further heckling.—United Press.

## RUMANIA TO CO-OPERATE WITH RUSSIA

Bucharest, Oct. 15.—King Michael of Rumania declared at the opening of Parliament here today that collaboration with the Soviet Union in all fields would continue to be the basis of Rumania's foreign policy.

Now that the peace treaty with the Allies had been ratified, Rumania would take an active part in close and sincere collaboration with the nations which respected independence, sovereignty and the freedom of people, he said.

With friendly countries Rumania would conclude treaties of friendship and mutual assistance.

Judicial reforms, including the introduction of elected judges, tax reforms steps to increase production and improvements in the equipment of the army were mentioned in parts of his speech concerned with internal policy.

King Michael, who was in uniform, was received with applause. The British, United States, Russian and French Ambassadors were present.—Reuter.

### White House Stops State Dinners

Washington, Oct. 15.—President and Mrs. Truman have cancelled state dinners at the White House this season "because of the urgent necessity for the conservation of food in order that our country may help relieve hunger abroad," Mrs. James Hahn, White House Social Secretary, announced today.—Reuter.

### Evatt Urges Early Peace Conference

Lake Success, New York, Oct. 15.—Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, said in an interview today that he had urged that a peace conference with Japan be held as soon as possible when he discussed it with President Truman and Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State recently.—Reuter.

Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, however, strongly opposed the plan on the ground that it was an attempt to bypass the Security Council and was against the Charter.

Turkey, Uruguay and Salvador supported the plan in principle.

China, giving general support, added that it should be made clear that the Interim Committee would not be a substitute for the General Assembly and would not have the right to make recommendations directly to States.

Belgium, also supporting in principle, reserved the right to submit amendments.

Uruguay's delegate, Dr. Pedro Marín y Rios, said that nobody could deny that the General Assembly had the right to pose questions which might threaten peace and security.

### Not A Substitute

Dr. Wellington Koo of China supported this view, though he said that it should be made clear that such an Interim Committee would not substitute for the General Assembly and would not have the right to make recommendations directly to States.

In his opposition to the plan, Yugoslavia's M. Vladimir Popovic repeated his previous accusations that the proposal was an attempt to bypass the Security Council.

"What the United States proposes would transform the United Nations into something like the League of Nations, which was a tool in the hands of certain powerful states," he said.

The Czechoslovak delegate, M. Slavik, said: "This artificial creature called 'The Little Assembly' would upset the equilibrium between the functions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, and therefore would be contrary to the Charter."

He asked where would the many delegations get the required dollars to maintain delegations in New York the year round?

The Committee then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

### Destroying Co-operation

Lake Success, Oct. 15.—Yugoslavia today charged that Secretary of State George Marshall's programme to overhaul United Nations peace-keeping machinery was designed to destroy co-operation between Russia and the Western Powers.

The Yugoslav delegate declared that United States delegate, John Foster Dulles, the Australian Foreign Minister, Dr. Herbert Evatt, and others did not like to see co-operation between the East and West, and for that reason were seeking to destroy it.

Addressing Dulles directly, Yugoslav delegate Popovic shouted: "You are attempting to impel us, the small countries, to accept a programme which would constitute a complete waiver on the principles of San Francisco."

This was a reference to the U.N. charter meeting there in 1945.

Popovic spoke before the Political Committee of the General Assembly, which earlier had heard China and Uruguay support the United States plan for a continuous year-round sitting of the 57-member nations as a so-called "little assembly".—Associated Press.

## David Fleming Released

Dublin, Oct. 15.—David Fleming, 27, leader of the IRA, was today released from Belfast Prison for the second time after a hunger strike.

His release was ordered by Mr. Edmund Warner, Northern Ireland Home Affairs Minister, following a report by two specialists on Fleming's mental condition.

Fleming had refused bread and water since his re-arrest on September 28. He was removed from prison in an ambulance and taken to hospital.

He was released from prison in November last year after a 78-day hunger strike.—United Press.

### Service Drivers Less Careless

London, Oct. 15.—An analysis of road accidents involving Army vehicles shows that 40 per cent occurred on straight roads away from all junctions and that in collisions only 30 per cent of Service drivers were careless as against 40 per cent civilian drivers.

The difference was even more pronounced at night and might be due to Service drivers having night driving training, while most civilians learn by experience, says a report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

A third of all accidents occurred when one vehicle was overtaking or passing stationary vehicle, and stationary vehicles were noted as a factor in 20 per cent of the most serious over-taking accidents.

Army motor-cycles were involved in surprisingly few accidents, compared with trucks and lorries, but their injury rate was very much higher, the report added.—Reuter.

### Stalin On Vacation

London, Oct. 15.—Prime Minister Stalin was reported today by the Moscow Radio to be vacationing in the Black Sea area.—Associated Press.



"Hey, I've just got through sweeping there!"

## Persian Tribesmen Wreck Dam In Afghanistan

Teheran, Oct. 15.—Persian tribesmen have crossed into Afghan territory and destroyed the "Mankong Dam," which they believed diverted the waters of the Hirmand River from Persia, the morning newspaper, Miham, reports today.

The Hirmand, which rises in Afghanistan, flows into the Persian southeastern province of Sistan and re-enters Afghanistan.

Owing to the drying up of the Persian part of the Hirmand, 6,000 Sistanis are reported to be emigrating to Afghanistan.

Mohammed Hossein Adli, Persian Minister of Agriculture, stated four weeks ago that Persia might complain to the United Nations Security Council because the diversion of the Hirmand had cut off the entire supply of Sista, turning the area into a desert.

Abdullah Khan, the Afghan Minister to Persia, replied at the time that the drying up was due to a general drought "for which not the Afghan Government, but Heaven, is responsible."—Reuter.

### Army Activity

Teheran, Oct. 15.—The Chief of Staff of the Persian Army, General Razmra, calling for greater army expenditure here today, told the Persian Cultural Club that a foreign attack on Persia could be made "only over the bodies of the country's 15,000,000 people."

Considerable activity has taken place in Persian military circles in the past week.

The commanders of provincial garrisons were ordered to Teheran for conferences. They attended a staff college re-opening, and with the Shan, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, watched Persian air force manoeuvres, with Persian pilots flying British aircraft.

The Persian army also held an exercise north of Teheran as the end of their summer training.—Reuter.

### TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZDW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 945 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 630 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 652 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 9.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

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### BBC PROGRAMME

Transmission of the BBC General Overseas Programmes which can be heard in Hongkong this evening: 7.30, G.M.T. 10.00—Cultural Talk "Pleasure from Books"; Boswell looks at the great Doctor Samuel Johnson; 10.15—Music of Scotland; 10.45—Military Band (transmission record); 11.00—The News; 11.10—Home News From Britain; 11.15—Paul Fenouillet and his Skyrockets Dance Orchestra; 12.00—From To-day's Papers; 12.10—Interlude; 12.15—Cavan O'Connor with Chorus and BBC Revue Orchestra, conducted by Frank Cantell; 12.30—Accordeon Club; 13.00—The News; 13.10—Programme Announcements; 13.15—Jazz Club; 13.45—A Talk; 14.00—Radio News; 14.15—BBC Northern Orchestra Conductor: Charles Groves; 14.35—Programme Announcements; 15.20—Interlude; 15.30—BBC Welsh Orchestra; 16.00—The News; 16.10—News Analysis; 16.15—British Affairs The Economic Scene; 16.30—17.00—Michael Miles in Radio Forfeits.

### RUSSIA BANS U.S. MAGAZINE

Washington, Oct. 15.—The Soviet authorities have banned the distribution of 5,000 copies of the State Department's magazine "America." It was learned today.

The ban affects copies distributed free to Soviet officials by the American Embassy in Moscow.

Diplomatic sources said the Soviets gave no reason for the action.

The ruling so far does not affect the import of 50,000 copies sold to Russians by a Soviet distributing company for 80 cents each.—United Press.

### BISHOP'S BOOK ATTACKED

(Continued from Page 1)

Dr. Barnes, who in his book published last March questioned the validity of the virgin birth, Christ's physical resurrection, his miracles and usefulness of infant baptism, told the House of Bishops: "The belief of miracles has gone from the scientific world."

"The Church and too many of its theologians have refused to accept the new outlook. There has been silence and delay which are proving disastrous."

The Archbishop of Canterbury made no reply to the Bishop's statement. His earlier attack on the book, which he made clear he considered it his duty to make while at the same time he had a great respect for Dr. Barnes' sincerity, was made to the Convocation, which together with that of York, is the constitutional advisory body to the King on ecclesiastical matters.—Reuter.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers  
1. It generally means perfect flying weather. 2. They are found all over the world. 3. In the Atlantic Ocean west of Portugal. 4. The Ten Commandments. 5. Because it was men of foreign nationalities. Because it consists principally of first made at Cologne, Prussia. 6.

## French Seek To Stop Arms To Viet Nam

Hanoi, Oct. 15.—Military reports said today that French troops had captured the town of Caobang, 187 miles north of Hanoi, in a drive to close the frontier to arms smuggling and end liaison between Viet Min and Chinese Communists.

Viet Min is the ruling political party of the Viet Nam Republic, which seeks independence from French colonial rule. These reports said the drive cut off the retreat of Viet Min forces towards Kwangai Province, in China.—Associated Press.

### Serious Fighting

Hanoi, Oct. 15.—Serious fighting is going on between French troops and Viet Min Indo-Chinese nationalists near Lai Chau, in Tonkin, near the Yunnan frontier, and 310 miles northwest of Hanoi, according to a French communique issued here today.

The communique also said that French troops inflicted heavy losses on Viet Nam forces in an ambush at Haiduong, east of Hanoi, and in the central state of Annam, near Donghoi, a coastal town, as well as near My Tho, in the southern state of Cochinchina, where both sides suffered losses.—Reuter.

### NIVEN TAKES ON A NEW ROLE

Glasgow, Oct. 15.—David Niven, Scottish-born film star, was one of the four candidates nominated today for the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University. He accepted the eleven-hour invitation from a group of non-political students to stand as an independent.

The other nominees were Walter Elliot (Conservative M.P. for Scottish Universities); Dr. G. H. May (sponsored by Scottish Nationalists) and Thomas Johnston (sponsored by the Labour Party).—Reuter.

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SHAUKIWAN and WESTERN MARKET ROUTE  
3 Minute Service

From	To	First Car	Last Car
Causeway Bay	Shaukiwan	5.59 a.m.	12.08 a.m.
Causeway Bay	Western Market	6.00 a.m.	12.00 midnight.
Shaukiwan	Western Market	6.19 a.m.	11.40 p.m.
Western Market	Shaukiwan	6.22 a.m.	11.46 p.m.
Shaukiwan	Causeway Bay	—	12.28 a.m.
Western Market	Causeway Bay	—	12.22 a.m.

CAUSEWAY BAY and WHITTY STREET ROUTE  
2 Minute Service

From	To	First Car	Last Car
Causeway Bay	Whitty Street	6.00 a.m.	11.28 p.m.
Whitty Street	Causeway Bay	6.30 a.m.	11.58 p.m.

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Whitty Street	Happy Valley	—	12.06 a.m.

Between Causeway Bay and Whitty Street, the above time-tables now provide a service frequency of less than One Minute.

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14th October, 1947.